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OF FIVE

BLOOD HUNT



JEFFREY VEREGGE



Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Red Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leave a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.



MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS

BLOOD HUNT

THE DARKNESS CONTINUES...

led by **BLADE**, a group of vampires used the **DARKFORCE** to blot out the sun, creating an eternal night and unleashing violence upon the world. Blade and the **BLOODCOVEN**, a group of super-powered vampires, also launched an attack on the **AVENGERS**, capturing several members of the team, transforming the **BLACK PANTHER** into a vampire and seizing control of the **IMPOSSIBLE CITY**, the Avengers' orbital headquarters.

His physical self struck down by Blade and infected with vampirism, **DOCTOR STRANGE**'s astral form and **CLEA** departed for Latveria, seeking help, while **HUNTER'S MOON** and **TIGRA** left for **ASGARD** to execute their plan to defeat Blade.

Blade then translocated the ancient Atlantean **TEMPLE OF THE FIRST BLASPHEMY** from its undersea resting place in Wakanda to the middle of Central Park!

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BLOOD HUNT

KEY PLAYERS



Doctor Doom



Blade



Dr. Strange



Clea

AVENGERS



Black Panther



Scarlet Witch



Vision



Iron Man



Thor



Captain Marvel



Captain America

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION



Hunter's Moon



Tigra

THE BLOODCOVEN



Bloodstorm One



Smoke Eater



Cruel



Damascene



Unusual



THE TEMPLE OF THE
FIRST BLASPHEMY.
NEW YORK CITY.

"IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT THINGS ARE GOING
VERY BADLY **INDEED.**"

"THE AVENGERS,
BROKEN. THE
SORCERER SUPREME,
AN APPARITION.

"AND NEW YORK CITY
WITH AN **ANCIENT**
ATLANTEAN TEMPLE
AS A NEW PART
OF ITS SKYLINE.

"BUT I SUPPOSE
THINGS **MUST** BE
GOING VERY BADLY..."



DOOMSTADT.
LATVERIA.



THE TEMPLE
OF THE FIRST
BLASPHEMY.

FINALLY.

DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA
HOW LONG IT'S
BEEN SINCE I'VE
WALKED THESE
STONES,
T'CHALLA?

WHEN WE
FIRST **BUILT**
IT, YOU SHOULD
HAVE **SEEN**
IT...

YOU'RE
NOT **BLADE**,
ARE YOU.

NO.
I AM
SOMETHING
MUCH
GREATER.

AND I WILL
BECOME GREATER
STILL, **BLACK
PANTHER.**

THIS HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
THE PLAN, DO
YOU SEE?

THIS HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
THE *WORK*.

THOUSANDS
UPON THOUSANDS
OF YEARS AGO, WHAT
WAS BEGUN WITH A CRIME
AGAINST THE UNIVERSE
WILL SEE COMPLETION,
HERE AND NOW.

WHEN I
WAS BORN FOR
THE SECOND TIME IN A
STONE SARCOPHAGUS,
DROWNED IN
BLOOD.

WHAT
ARE YOU?

THE
FIRST, BLACK
PANTHER.

THE FIRST
VAMPIRE, MY
NOMAD SPIRIT
CLOTHED IN MY
FATED VESSEL, THE
DAYWALKER'S
SKIN.

I AM
VARNÆ.



VARNAE?!



IT'S
OBVIOUS,
IF YOU MERELY
THINK ABOUT
IT.

SOME YEARS
AGO, HIS MINION,
MARIE LAVEAU,
PREPARED BLADE AS
THE **HOST** FOR THE
SPRIT OF
VARNAE.

APPARENTLY,
THE DAYWALKER'S...
UNIQUE CONSTITUTION
MADE HIM THE IDEAL
VESSEL.

*BLADE THE VAMPIRE HUNTER #5! --TOM



THAT
ATTEMPT
FAILED.

BUT IT
WOULD APPEAR
THAT A SECOND
DID NOT.

HRN.

AND YET
YOUR BORDERS
ARE FREE OF
VAMPIRES,
DOOM.

OF COURSE,
I HAVE TAKEN
PRECAUTIONS
TO PROTECT MY
PEOPLE.

NOW, WHAT
CAN I HELP
YOU WITH,
STEPHEN?





I HAVE
ALREADY TAKEN THE
LIBERTY OF RECRUITING
THE STUDENT BODY
OF YOUR "STRANGE
ACADEMY."

NOW,
STEPHEN. GIVE IT
TO ME, AND LET
US BEGIN.



HOW
DID--?

NEVER
MIND.

GIVE YOU
WHAT? I
DON'T FOLLOW,
VICTOR.

I SHOULD
THINK YOU WOULD
UNDERSTAND. THIS IS
AN EXTRAORDINARY
WORK OF MAGIC WE
ARE SPEAKING OF
CASTING HERE.

AND
TO ENACT
IT...



...I MUST BE
THE SORCERER
SUPREME.



ASGARD.

"LOOK, I'M
HAVING A GREAT
TIME. BUT I
GOTTA ASK..."

...DON'T
YOU HERO
TYPES ASK
NICELY WHEN
YOU WANT
SOMETHING,
TIGRAT?

USUALLY.

ACCORDING
TO THE AVENGERS,
THOR IS DOWN.
MAYBE THAT WOULD
GET THE AESIR ON
OUR SIDE.

WHAT IT
COMES TO IS
THIS: WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO ASK
NICELY, BECAUSE
THEY MIGHT
SAY NO.

AND WE
DON'T HAVE
THE TIME TO
CONVINCE
THEM.

BUT MAYBE IT
WOULDN'T.

THIS GUY,
ACTING LIKE
HE'S NEVER DONE
A SMASH AND
GRAB BEFORE.

THIS GAL,
ACTING LIKE I
NEED TO TAKE ADVICE
ON CRIMING FROM
AN AVENGER.



NO
GUARDS.
WEIRD.

WHY
WOULD THERE
BE GUARDS? WHO
WOULD DARE DO
WHAT WE ARE
DOING?

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
KNOW WHERE
YOU'RE GOING,
HUNTER'S
MOON?



ALL PRIESTS
ARE **CALLED** BY
THEIR GODS.

AND
I AM NO
DIFFERENT.

HELLO,
FATHER. I'VE
COME FOR
YOU.



MY
LOVING
SON.

SO
KIND TO
VISIT YOUR
FATHER, BUT
FOOLISH, I
FEAR.

I HAVE
NO POWER TO
LEND YOU IN OPENING
MY CELL, AND YOU
HAVE NO KEY FOR
THESE LOCKS.



YOU ARE
CORRECT,
FATHER.

I HAVE
NO POWER
TO OPEN THIS
DOOR, NO
KEY.



BUT I
HAVE BROUGHT
SOMETHING
BETTER.

NICE TO
MEETCHA,
PAL.

THEY
CALL ME THE
WRECKER.

WHAT BETTER
TOOL TO OPEN
AN ASGARDIAN
PRISON...



...THAN AN
ASGARDIAN
CROWBAR?

I WAS THERE, IN OLD ATLANTIS.

I WAS THERE, TRANSCRIBING THE DARKHOLD, PUTTING ITS BLEAK WORDS TO PAPER FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME.

IT WAS THERE THAT I TOOK THE FIRST STEP TOWARD BECOMING WHAT I WILL BE.

AND NOW, WITH THE LIVING DARKHOLD IN MY POSSESSION, WITH THE BLOOD OF A GOD AT HAND, IN MY PLACE OF POWER, I CAN COMPLETE THE RITUAL.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

TO BECOME A VAMPIRE, TO CREATE THE CONCEPT OF THE VAMPIRE, THAT WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP.

THE VAMPIRE WAS ONLY MY PUPAL FORM.





COME.

I AM IN
READINESS.



COME
TO ME,
DARKFORCE!

DO YOU
SEE? DO YOU
SEE?

I AM
BECOME *ONE*
WITH THE DARKNESS,
AN *ENTIRE*
DIMENSION OF
DARKNESS!!!

I AM
BECOME THE
DARK THAT CONSUMES
LIGHT! THE COLD
THAT CONSUMES
WARMTH!

I AM
BECOME A
VAMPIRE THAT
CONSUMES *ENTIRE*
PLANETS!
ENTIRE
STARS!

I AM
BECOME
THE UNLIVING
DARKFORCE!

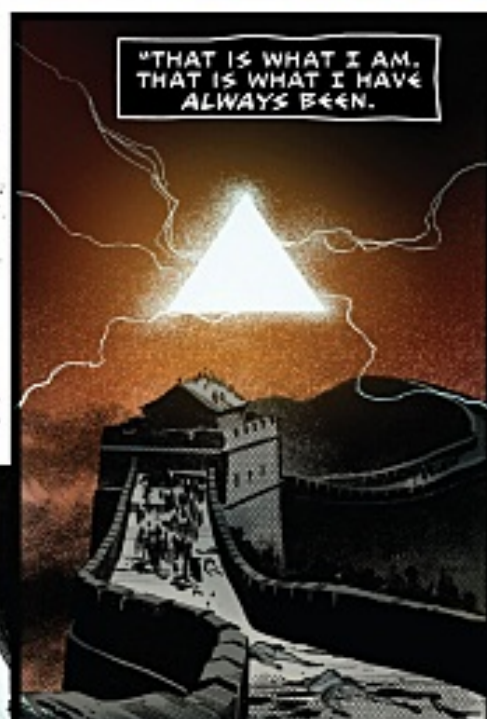




"IN THE DARKNESS..."



"...LIGHT."

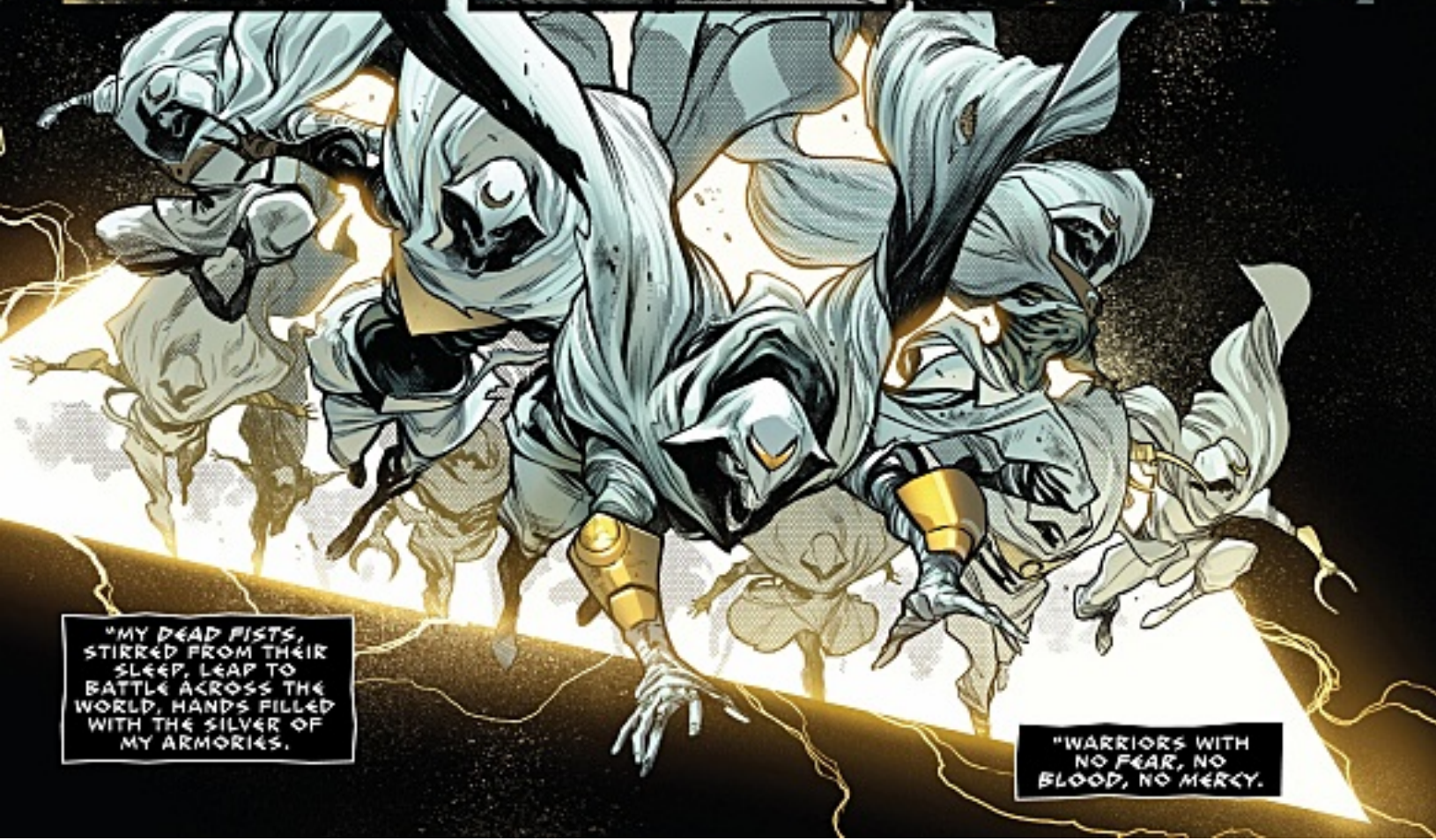


"THAT IS WHAT I AM,
THAT IS WHAT I HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN."



"AND IN THIS DARKNESS,
NO MATTER WHERE THEY
MAY FIND THEMSELVES IN
THE WORLD, TRAVELERS
BY NIGHT SEE THE FACE OF
KHONSHU, AND THEY KNOW."

"THEY KNOW
THEY ARE
NOT ALONE."



"MY DEAD FISTS,
STIRRED FROM THEIR
SLEEP, LEAP TO
BATTLE ACROSS THE
WORLD, HANDS FILLED
WITH THE SILVER OF
MY ARMORIES."

"WARRIORS WITH
NO FEAR, NO
BLOOD, NO MERCY."


"AND LED BY MY
RESURRECTED
SON."

"MY
MOONKNIGHT"







A full-page comic book illustration depicting a tense moment between Thor and Loki. Thor, on the right, is shown from the waist up, wearing his iconic winged helmet and a blue cape over a red tunic. He has a determined, slightly angry expression. He is holding a long, dark, jagged sword in his right hand, which is raised towards the left. His left hand is clenched into a fist. His armor is dark and detailed. Loki, on the left, is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark, ornate suit with a high collar and a mask that covers his face, leaving only his eyes visible. He has a mischievous, smug expression. He is holding a long, dark, jagged sword in his right hand, which is raised towards the left. The background is a dark, stormy sky with bright yellow lightning bolts striking down. The ground is dark and reflective, showing the silhouettes of the characters and the lightning. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, greys, and blacks, with bright yellow and orange highlights from the lightning and the characters' costumes.

...SO THAT
THOR MIGHT
JOIN US.

INSULT
AND INJURY
I HAVE
SUFFERED...

...AND THOR
WILL HAVE
RECOMPENSE.

WHICH IS
JUST FANCY
TALK...

...FOR
AVENGING.

COME,
THEN.

COME AND
FACE THE UNLIVING
DARKFORCE.

TO BE CONCLUDED!

BLOOD HUNT

CHECKLIST

JUNE

- **BLOOD HUNT #3**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #3**
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- VENOM #34
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- AVENGERS #15
- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- **BLOOD HUNT #4**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #4**
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

JULY

- BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- AVENGERS #16
- HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- **BLOOD HUNT #5**
- **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #5**
- FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4

NEXT:

BLOOD HUNT

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Doctor Strange is presented with a dread bargain for a chance to save the world. The Avengers ride into a battle they cannot win. The dead battle the undead across the globe. Will it be enough? Will the world be saved, and how will it be changed if it is?



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